

## **SIEC Briefing Paper on the Creation of a SIEC Advisory Work Group**

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### **Description**

Substitute House Bill 1271 created many tasks, roles and responsibilities for the SIEC. To assist the SIEC in developing interoperability solutions, addressing technical issues, and other supporting tasks, the SIEC needs to create a SIEC Advisory Work Group.

### **Recommendations to the Committee**

Staff recommends the creation of the SIEC Advisory Work Group.

### **Issues**

The theme of one or more working groups<sup>1</sup> occurred while examining different forms of governance from state groups who have been tasked with creating interoperable wireless solutions. The original concept was to create five subcommittees or working groups. The subcommittees or working groups would include: SIEC Advisory, Frequency Coordination, Planning and Assessment, Standards and Architecture, and the Technology Clearinghouse.

The general consensus among work group members is that the groups formed by the SIEC should be working groups. Working groups would allow additional non-SIEC members to be called as needed to resolve issues that would affect the SIEC.

Additional discussions addressed the need regarding multiple working groups. The majority of those in attendance believed that the SIEC should create one working group, "SIEC Advisory" work group. The SIEC Advisory Work group would be given the authority to form additional working groups as needed. For example, there is an immediate need to find a funding strategy for the interim state interoperability plan. The SIEC Advisory work group, if approved, could create an *ad hoc* work group to address funding strategies and develop recommendations for the SIEC. There was one member who expressed a concern that having the SIEC Advisory work group be responsible for additional work groups would diminish the responsibilities of the SIEC.

### **Background**

An SIEC Pre-planning Work Group was formed to create the agenda for the first SIEC meeting. This group also worked on the creation of the inventory, the draft vision, mission statement and other SIEC agenda items.

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<sup>1</sup> For this discussion, a work group is differentiated from a subcommittee. A subcommittee requires membership from the (general) committee from which it is formed. Work groups can be a group of people who may or may not be members of the (main) committee. Work groups are tasked with making recommendations to the committee from which they are formed.